

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims of record with the following full set of claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A medical examination system comprising:
 - a medical examination device;
 - a control device to operate the medical examination device;
 - wherein the control device transmits signals comprising control signals accompanied by an identification code, comprising a room identification code identifying the room in which the examination device is located, and wherein the examination device is provided with means to verify the identification code and is arranged to accept the corresponding control signals when the identification code is correct and to reject the corresponding control signals when the identification code is not correct;
 - communication means for automatically communicating the identification code between the control device and the examination device; and
 - an erasing device that erases the identification code from a memory of the control device after at a predetermined time independent of the location of the medical examination device and the control device.
2. (Previously presented) The medical examination system according to claim 1, wherein the communication means are arranged to receive the identification code from the medical examination device for transmittance to the control device.
3. (Previously presented) The medical examination system according to claim 1, wherein the communication means are arranged for periodically transmitting the identification code and the control device is provided with memory means for temporal storage of the identification code.

4. (Previously presented) The medical examination system according to claim 1, wherein the communication means comprise Infra Red transmitter means and the control device is provided with Infra Red receiver means.

5. (Previously presented) The medical examination system according to claim 1, wherein the communication means are arranged to receive the identification code from the control device for transmittance to the examination device.

6. (Previously presented) The medical examination system according to claim 5, wherein the communication means comprise interrogation means for periodically retrieving the identification code from the control device.

7. (Previously presented) The medical examination system according to claim 6, wherein the interrogation means comprise an RFID reader and the control device is provided with an RFID tag.

8. (Previously presented) The medical examination system according to claim 1, wherein the control device is provided with a radio frequency transmitter and the examination device is provided with a radio frequency receiver.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously presented) The medical examination system according to claim 1, wherein the examination device comprises an X-ray device.

11. (Previously presented) The medical examination system according to claim 10, wherein the control device is an X-ray foot switch.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for automatically communicating an identification code between a control device and a medical examination device in a medical examination system, the method comprising the acts of:

a) receiving the identification code from the medical examination device by a communication means, said identification code identifying the room in which the examination device is located;

b) transmitting the identification code periodically to the control device by the communication means;

c) temporally storing the identification code in a memory of the control device;
and

d) erasing the identification code from the memory of the control device ~~after~~ at a predetermined time independent of the location of the medical examination device and the control device.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (New) The medical examination system according to claim 1, wherein the communication means comprises a communication device that is associated with an exam room, wherein the communication device emits a signal having a strength that confines the signal to the exam room.

18. (New) The medical examination system according to claim 1, wherein the medical examination device is immobile.

19. (New) The medical examination system according to claim 1, wherein the communication means is immobile.

20. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the communication means comprises a communication device that is associated with an exam room, wherein the communication device emits a signal having a strength that confines the signal to the exam room.

21. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the medical examination device is immobile.

22. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the communication means is immobile.